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**In re: Patent application of:
Duncan McGregor**

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LIBRARY SCREENING METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002 (Paper No. 16) in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § § 121 and 372. Accordingly, applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-10), drawn to a peptide display carrier package) for immediate prosecution. However, applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the unelected claims of Groups II-VII. Applicant also reserves the right to petition against the restriction requirement.

Applicant again requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims pending in the application, on their merits.

An early action on the merits of the application is hereby requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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